

[English]

**Receipt of Telephone Bills by Post
Offices**

3136. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA
RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to instruct the post offices located in a Town/Village having a telephone exchange to receive the telephone bills from the subscribers; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Arrangement exists for collection of telephone bills at a specified Post Office/Post Offices at the station of the Telephone Exchange.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

[Translation]

**Schemes relating to Akashvani and
Doordarshan during Seventh Plan**

3137. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF
FATMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the provision made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the schemes relating to Akashvani and Doordarshan in Bihar;

(b) the areas to which these schemes were related to and the expenditure involved therein;

(c) the present stage of these schemes;

(d) the details of the schemes relating to Akashvani and Doordarshan for which provision has been made in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the details of the proposals submitted by the Government of Bihar in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to c). The requisite information is given in the Statement.

(d) The Eighth Five Year Plan of All India Radio and Doordarshan are yet to be finalised.

(e) No proposal appears to have been received from the Government of Bihar in this regard.